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FOLLOWING REPEAT MAPUTO 1008 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN NEW YORK AUG 19.
QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 1008

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFO, MZ, US
SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 32 UNGA

REF: STATE 160321

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT MACHEL MAY ATTEND 32ND UNGA. IF HE DOES, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT HE BE INVITED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. END SUMMARY.

2. AT RECEPTION FOR FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD AUGUST 18, PRESIDENTIAL AIDE SERGIO VIEIRA DREW ME ASIDE, SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY BE CALLING ME IN A WEEK OR SO TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSS POSSIBLE VISIT OF PRESIDENT MACHEL TO UN THIS AUTUMN. VIEIRA DID NOT SAY THAT MACHEL WAS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, NOR DID I MENTION THE POSSIBILITY, BUT I AM CERTAIN THIS IS WHAT VIEIRA WILL WANT TO TALK ABOUT IF AND WHEN WE MEET.

3. MACHEL'S VISIT TO NEW YOKR WILL PROBABLY BE ONE OF THE

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STOPS ON A TRIP WE UNDERSTAND HE MAY BE MAKING TO CARIBBEAN
(CUBA AND POSSIBLY JAMAICA AND GUYANA) IN SEPTEMBER
(MAPUTO 0920). ONLY DATE WE HAVE HEARD THUS FAR IS
SEPTEMBER 15 FOR STOP IN CUBA.

4. GIVEN THE TWO INITIATIVES WE HAVE UNDER WAY WITH
RESPECT TO RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, AND OUR INTEREST IN
INFLUENCING MACHEL TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS--OR AT A
MINIMUM NOT TO WORK AGAINST THEM--I BELIEVE IT VERY MUCH
IN US INTEREST IF PRESIDENT CARTER MEET WITH MACHEL
EITHER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. INVITATION TO MEET
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN WHITE HOUSE WOULD HAVE ADDED
ADVANTAGE OF PLAYING UP TO MACHEL'S SENSE OF IMPORTANCE
AND HIS EAGERNESS BE TREATED AS HEAD OF STATE EQUAL WITH
HIS FRONT-LINE COLLEAGUES, PRESIDENTS NYERERE AND KAUNDA.

5. PRINCIPAL REASON FOR MEETING WITH MACHEL IS THAT IT
IS SUPPORTIVE OF OUR SOUTHERN AFRICAN INTERESTS AND
INITIATIVES. HOWEVER, THERE ALSO SOME BILATERAL ADVANTAGE
TO BE DERIVED FROM MEETING, EVEN THOUGH THE BILATERAL
PAYOFF MAY BE MORE LONG TERM THAN IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO MACHEL OF APRIL 16, 1977 WAS
WELL RECEIVED BY MACHEL (MAPUTO 0446) AND SETS POSITIVE
FRAMEWORK IN WHICH TO TOUCH ON BILATERAL RELATIONS,
SHOULD WE WISH TO DO SO.

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6. MOZAMBICANS ARE NOTORIOUSLY LATE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS
FOR VISITS AND MEETINGS. THUS, THERE CHANCE VIEIRA
(OR FOREIGN MINISTRY) MAY NOT BE IN TOUCH WITH ME UNTIL
JUST PRIOR TO VISIT TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING
MEETING BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS. IF DEPARTMENT AND WHITE
HOUSE AGREE THAT A MEETING IS DESIRABLE, BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I WERE INSTRUCTED TO INDICATE TO
VIEIRA WHEN HE DOES CONTACT ME THAT PRESIDENT CARTER
WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH MACHEL, PROVIDED MUTUALLY
CONVENIENT DATE CAN BE ARRANGED, OR, IF VIEIRA DOES NOT
GET IN TOUCH WITH ME IN NEXT WEEK OR TWO, FOR ME TO
APPROACH HIM TO FIND OUT IF IN FACT TRIP IS STILL ON.
OTHERWISE, WE MAY BE APPROACHED AT LAST MOMENT, WITH ASSUMPTION
ON PART GOVERNMENT MOZAMBIQUE THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM IN
ARRANGING SUCH A MEETING.

7. WOULD APPRECIAGE GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT ON PROSPECTS
FOR PRESIDENTIAL MEETING SHOULD MACHEL ATTEND UNGA IN
SEPTEMBER.

8. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND
COMMENTS IF PRESIDENTIAL MEETING IS FIXED.

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